

Tinmouth Planning Commission
April 19, 2018
Minutes

Members present: Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Vito Macaluso, Larry Carabeau, Michael Fallar, Kim Harbaugh, and Andy Gilmore

Members absent: Kevin Ruane, and Rainbow Squier

Others present: Gail Fallar, Sec.

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Welcomed new member Larry Carabeau and Rainbow Squier (who was absent due to play practice)

Members reviewed agenda, added RRPC concern from Bob regrading new flood requirements for town plans. Minutes of March 22, 2018 were read and approved as written, moved by Bob, 2nded by Grant, all voted in favor.

Gail reported a request from NeighborWorks/October Hill's attorney to clarify what conditions were still attached from the prior permits granted to the project. After discussion and review of the permits from 2007, 2010 and 2012, where it was noted on them that if the conditions were not met, the permit became null and void, Grant moved and Bob 2nded that prior permits are null and void and do not apply, only the permit and conditions on Permit 2017-1 granted in August of 2017 are in effect. All voted in favor.

Draft zoning amendments were reviewed, repealing Article VII – Planned Unit Development and adding Section 505 regarding setback for decks attached to docks at Tinmouth Pond. Members set a public hearing for June 21st, which will be followed by a Select Board hearing before a vote is held. Bob volunteered to scour zoning and subdivision regulations for other mentions of PUD's as they will need to be removed as well.

Bob noted that at the recent Rutland Regional Planning Commission meeting there was a presentation about a new model for flood hazard bylaws, Tinmouth may or may not have to act on them. He will research further.

Bob expressed concern with the Emerald Ash Borer – this pest has been found near Barre, Vermont, should the town cut all ash trees before the infestation arrives here? Quick answer is no, that is not being advised by the state at this time. Larry noted that there are other reasons for ash decline, including disease and another pest; 2/3 of the ash trees in his sugar woods are dead. Kim advised that the Select Board had just appointed a Tree Policy Committee to work on a tree policy for vegetation in the town's road right of way. Michael noted that cutting a shade tree requires a public hearing.

Grant advised that he no longer objects to applying for a Town Center Designation. He initially felt that it was a way for the state to pressure towns to locate future development close to the center of towns. There are a number of state grants that give extra points to those communities who have the special designation.

Kim reported Real Rutland has a website that lists many small businesses, should Tinmouth folks be encouraged to add their names? Farm stands, excavating businesses, etc., need to ask them first. Could also be posted to Front Porch Forum.

Next meeting is May 17, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Fallar, Secretary